



## AT&T "Legacy T" Bargaining Report #56

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We returned to the Bargaining table this morning with the hope that the Company would finally make meaningful responses to our health care proposal and our job security issues. Once again, the Company bargainers continued to respond with the same old proposals and same take-backs they put across the table months ago. At this point, all they seem to do is reject our proposals and re-submit their old ones. It is clear that they are not working toward an agreement. We will try again tomorrow.

As we are trying to deal with our benefits issues at the bargaining table, our enemies are working hard to make sure this outrageous situation continues forever. Opponents of real health care reform are spending millions to spread falsehoods and sow fear, to keep this national tragedy from being addressed. If there is no legislative solution, in 2012 we will return to this bargaining table in an even worse position.

Watch the attached interview from the Bill Moyers Report. Take the time to see this ex-CIGNA Executive talk about how and why the insurance companies will stop at nothing to bury health care reform. It will open your eyes and it will cause you to be outraged. It should also inspire you to fight twice as hard. If your legislators are home for the summer break, make sure you contact them. Tell them not to bow down to fear; not to bow down to the insurance companies and others trying to stop meaningful legislation.

<http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/07312009/watch.html>

**PS: The Bill Moyers Video is also available on the Local 4250 website at:**

<http://www.cwalocal4250.org/politicalaction/index.cfm> SCROLL DOWN TO:

### 07/14/09- Former CIGNA Executive: Michael Moore Was Right!

Last month, testimony in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation by a former health insurance insider named Wendell Potter made news even before it occurred: CBS NEWS headlined: "Cigna Whistleblower to Testify." After Potter's testimony the industry scrambled to do damage control: "Insurers defend rescissions, take heat for lack of transparency." In his first extended television interview since leaving the health insurance industry, Wendell Potter tells Bill Moyers why he left his successful career as the head of Public Relations for CIGNA, one of the nation's largest insurers, and decided to speak out against the industry. "I didn't intend to [speak out], until it became really clear to me that the industry is resorting to the same tactics they've used over the years, and particularly back in the early '90s, when they were leading the effort to kill the Clinton plan." Download PDF file with link to "Must See" Bill Moyers Video Interview. In Unity-Strength & Solidarity: Steve Tisza, President CWA Local 4250.

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